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The following claim set will replace previous versions of the claims.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A method of alleviating the symptoms of muscle pain or muscle wasting in general comprising administering to a patient suffering from muscle pain or muscle wasting an effective amount of an androgen so that the symptoms are alleviated.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the androgen comprises a testosterone derivative or a growth hormone derivative.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein a combination of androgens is administered to the patient.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 3 wherein the combination of androgens comprises testosterone or a testosterone derivative and dehydroepiandrosterone.

Claim 5 (original) The method of claim 1 wherein a combination of an androgen and a growth hormone is administered to the patient.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein a combination of an androgen and a compound that increases levels of growth hormone in blood is administered to the patient.

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Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 6 wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of growth hormone releasing peptides, growth hormone releasing hormone, IGF-1, and IGF-2.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 6 wherein the compound is a growth hormone releasing peptide mimetic compound that is between 2 and 20 amino acids in length and is known to release growth hormone.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 8 wherein the growth hormone releasing peptide mimetic is hexarelin or equivalent peptide.